

REMARKS

[0010] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-25 and 32-41 are currently pending; no claims are withdrawn, amended, or added herein.
- Claims 26-31 are currently canceled herein.

Allowed Claims

[0011] The Office Action indicates that claims 1-41 are allowable. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-41. Claims 1-25 and 32-41 have not been amended herein, and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

Specification Objections

[0012] The Specification stands objected to for minor informalities. Application amends the specification herein, as shown above, to address the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

[0013] Claims 1-41 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,924. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the basis that the pending claims were subject to a restriction requirement in the Parent application, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,633,924.

[0014] In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elected, with traverse, claims 1-6. The requirement was maintained and the subject matter recited in claims 1-

6 issued in US Patent No. 6,633,924. Based on the maintained requirement, the USPTO established a position indicating claims 1-6 are patentably distinct from then pending claims 7-47.

[0015] Subsequently, restricted claims 7-47 were filed in this divisional Application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that a Terminal Disclaimer should not be required in this Application.

[0016] Nevertheless, solely in the interest of expediting issuance of the pending application, and in view of the discussion with the Examiner, Applicant cancels claims 26-31, herein obviating the requirement of a terminal disclaimer.

[0017] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application upon reconsideration, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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